NEW HAMPSHIRE
STATE LIBRARY.

ANNUAL REPORT

352.0742 b
M26
1880

OF THE

SELECTMEN AND TREASURER

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF MADBURY,

FOR

THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1880.

DOVER, N. H.:
LIBBEY & CO., PRINTERS.
1880.

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT.

EXPENDITURES FOR 1879.

SCHOOLS.

Paid Herbert Swallow, Committee Dist No 1	$ 86	43
Joseph H Fernald, " " " 2	249	42
Albert Varney, " " " 3	117	40
John B Huckins, " " " 4	147	14
City of Dover for Hayes' and Hill's proportion of school money	18	17
	$618	56

Paid State tax	$504	00
Paid County tax	$629	11

SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Charles R Meserve, Selectman	$25	00
Stephen Reynolds, "	25	00
Jonathan Jenkins, "	25	00
Jacob D Young, Town Treasurer	15	00

Paid Albert Varney, Collector	$30 00
John H Griffin, Town Clerk	10 00
John H Griffin, S S Committee	14 00
	$144 00

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Ira A. Locke for support of John and Ellen Church from Mar 1, 1879, to Mar 1, 1880	$91 50
J Frank Seavey & Co, clothing for John Church	10 50
James J Griffin, for keeping tramps	1 50
	$103 50

BOUNTIES.

Paid Charles W Hayes on fox	$ 50
Frank Morrison " "	50
James B Cole " "	50
Henry S Nealey on three hawks	60
H W Jenkins on one hawk	20
George W Hayes on two hawks	40
	$2 70

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid M V B Felker for 3½ days' work on road	$4 37
Thomas W Fernald for use of pasture for path in winter of 1879	5 00
Abram Morrison for 6 hours' work on road	72
Andrew Hanson for 2074 ft of bridge plank	31 11
Jonathan Jenkins for 3½ days' work in I G Felker's Dist	4 68
Jonathan Jenkins for use of scraper 3 days	1 50
Stephen Reynolds for 27 hours' work	3 25
Nathan Walker for work on road	4 92
James J Griffin " "	14 13
Isaac G Felker, 15¾ days' work	21 00
" " for 58 hours' breaking in 1878	6 90
" " " 18 loads of clay	1 44
Geo W Meserve for 11½ days' work on road	14 06

Paid Henry Swallow for 129 hours' work on road.....	$15 47
Stephen Jenkins for 89 " " "	10 70
John W Emery for 48 loads of gravel.....	7 20
John W Emery for 40 hours' work.....	4 80
Melnot B Robinson for 1 day's work.....	1 25
Henry C Wiggin, Surveyor.....	20 15
George W Huckins, work on road	9 29
Samuel Gerrish, 20 hours' work.....	2 40
" " for use of scraper.....	44
Mrs Samuel C Gerrish, 21½ hours' work.....	2 56
Tobias Cole for 4 days' work.....	5 00
Charles R Meserve, one day on culvert near depot	1 00
" " 6½ days' work in Isaac G. Felker's Dist.....	8 12
Charles R Meserve paid William Twombly for use of scraper...	1 50
Charles R Meserve for drawing plank to M V B Felker's bridge.....	37
Charles R Meserve, standards for Gerrish bridge..	25
Jacob D Young for 7½ days' work and use of plow 4 days	11 32
Isaac G Felker for blowing out ledge on Evans' hill..... ..	10 00
Jacob W Miles for 2¾ days' work on road.....	3 43
Albert Varney for 3 days' work on Evans' hill.....	3 75
" " " 107 ft bridge plank.....	2 14
	$234 22

BREAKING ROADS AFTER BOOKS WERE CLOSED LAST SPRING.

Paid Jonathan Jenkins, Surveyor for 32 hours' work...	$3 84
A B Tallant, Surveyor.....	10 97
Stephen Reynolds, Surveyor, 6½ hours' work.....	1 03
Charles E Demeritte, Surveyor, 136 hours' work...	20 40
Samuel N Robinson, shoveling, 8 hours.....	1 20
" " " in 1878.....	1 00
E L Jenkins, Surveyor, for 125 hours' work.....	19 87
Geo W Bodge, Surveyor, 18 " "	2 70
M V B Felker, shoveling, 15½ hours.....	2 23
John W Emery for 30 hours' work.....	4 20
Harrison Hanson 29 " "	4 71

Paid Charles R Meserve, Surveyor, 24 hours' work....	$3	60
Charles Henderson, " 22 " "	3	30
Geo A Locke, " 80 " "	12	00
Charles Henderson, " 48 " "	7	20
Ezra E Demeritte for 20 hours' work.....	3	00
Jacob W Miles " 3 " "		45
A L Robinson " 4 " "		60
	$102	30

BREAKING ROADS.

Paid William S Hayes for 12 hours' work.....	$1	44
Stephen Reynolds 8 " "		96
John W Emery 9½ " "	1	24
Edward Pendexter Jr 26 " "	3	12
Mrs Charles Kingman for 8 hours' work.....		96
Jeremy B Towle 31 " "	3	72
Albert Varney 6 " "		72
Isaac G Felker 24 " "	2	88
Tobias Cole 3 " "		36
	$15	40

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid Libbey & Co for printing town accounts for 1878.	$12	00
For P O Box one year up to April 1.....	2	00
Stephen Reynolds for keeping sick person all night.....		75
E J Lane for Inventory, Collectors' and Surveyors' Books and Stationary.....	5	03
Auditors.....	2	00
John H Griffin, Town Clerk, for recording Marriages, Births, Deaths, and making return of militia.....	6	00
John H Griffin, postage and stationary.....	1	00
" " posting school notices.....	2	00
Albert Varney, Supervisor 6 days at March election of 1879 and 1880.....	6	00
E L Jenkins, Supervisor 6 days at March election of 1879 and 1880.....	6	00
Alfred Demeritte for damage to sleigh.....	1	00

Paid Charles R Meserve for one day at Northwood looking up evidence in Berry case	$1 50
Charles R Meserve for one day to Exeter to employ and consult counsel	1 50
Charles R Meserve one day at Portsmouth on Berry case	2 40
Charles R Meserve one day at Northwood by request of Miss Berry's counsel	2 00
Charles R Meserve one day at Portsmouth at court	2 40
Charles R Meserve one day going after Surveyor and surveying road on Kingman's hill	1 25
Charles R Meserve one day at Northwood to see witnesses	1 90
Charles R Mesesve two days taking depositions of Stephen Reynolds and wife	2 00
Charles R Meserve expenses to Concord to pay State Tax	3 60
Charles R Meserve for one day at Dover to settle with County Commissioners	2 00
Jonathan Jenkins one day at Northwood looking up evidence in Berry case	1 50
Jonathan Jenkins for one day at Exeter to employ counsel in Berry case	3 00
Jonathan Jenkins one day at Northwood	3 00
" " " " " Portsmouth	2 40
" " " " " " at court.	2 40
" " " " surveying road on Kingman's hill	1 25
Jonathan Jenkins one day to Northwood to get evidence in Berry case	3 00
Jonathan Jenkins two days taking depositions of Stephen Reynolds and wife	2 00
Jonathan Jenkins one day to Exeter to get Berry case continued	3 00
Jonathan Jenkins one day to Pittsfield to see Dr Ladd in regard to Berry case	3 00
	$88 88

ABATEMENTS FOR 1879.

Paid Ivory H Kelley on real estate	$ 68

Paid Andrew Hanson	"	"	$ 34
Daniel B Foss	"	"	33
Adaline Drew	"	"	90
			$2 25

TOWN OF MADBURY IN ACCOUNT WITH JACOB D. YOUNG, TREASURER.

	Cr.
By amount in Treasury March 1, 1879	$323 23
Outstanding in James J Griffin's list as Collector for 1878	70 73
State, County, Town and School Tax	1737 05
Dog Tax	52 00
Highway Tax	920 60
Railroad Tax	66 66
Savings Bank Tax	533 09
Literary Fund	32 56
Literary Fund, interest formerly in S Jenkins' hands, now in Government Bonds	8 40
Money from rent of Town Hall	10 00
County of Strafford for support of County paupers and tramps	104 33
	$3,858 65

TOWN OF MADBURY IN ACCOUNT WITH TREAS.

	Dr.
Paid for Schools	$618 56
State Tax	504 00
County Tax	629 11
Salaries of Town Officers	144 00
Support of Poor	103 50
Bounties	2 70
Roads and bridges	234 22
Breaking roads after books were closed last spring	102 30
Breaking roads	15 40
Miscellaneous Bills	88 88
Abatements	2 25
Highway tax worked out	863 70

[redacted] Outstanding in J J Griffin's list.....	$5 70
Outstanding in Albert Varney's list.....	29 10
In Treasury.....	515 23
	$3,858 65

JACOB D. YOUNG, Treasurer.

CHARLES R. MESERVE,
STEPHEN REYNOLDS,
JONATHAN JENKINS,
} Selectmen of Madbury.

We, the undersigned, certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts of the Town Treasurer, and find them correctly cast and all payments charged against the Town properly vouched.

Madbury, March 1, 1880.

E. E. DEMERITT,
A. D. NUTE,
} Auditors.

SCHOOL REPORT.

To the citizens of Madbury: I have the honor of submitting the following report of the schools of this town, for the past year:

DISTRICT No. 1.—Herbert Swallow, Prudential Committee. Summer term—Miss Nettie M Cook, Teacher. No. of scholars, 6; average attendance, 5 4-5; length of school in weeks, 9, commencing May 5th and ending July 31st; wages of teacher per month, $24. Names of scholars on the Roll of Honor, Herbert Jenkins and Charles Jenkins. The appearance of the school at the commencement was good and gave promises of a successful term. Not being notified, I failed to visit the school at its close; but I trust, however, there was some improvement.

Fall term—Belle V. Huckins, teacher. No. of scholars, 7; average attendance, 6 49-76; length of school in weeks, 8; commencing Oct. 21st and ending Dec. 19th; wages of teacher per month, $27. Miss Huckins manifested a great degree of interest in behalf of her school. Nine-tenths of the scholars have made a commendable advancement, and others, no doubt, would have done well, if they had been sent to school for the purpose of obtaining an education. There are people who would fain destroy the great source of light and heat because they have discovered a spot on its broad disk, without proposing a substitute, or without a thought of the untold evil that would result. In this same spirit, some of the parents in this district have endeavored to render the school unsuccessful and valueless.

Winter term—Mr. Forrest S Smith teacher. No. of scholars, 7 ; average attendance, 6 3-10 ; length of school in weeks, 8 ; commencing Jan. 2d and ending Feb. 27th ; wages of teacher per month, $32. Mr. Smith is well qualified in all respects as a teacher. The school was in perfect order and the scholars made commendable advancement.

District No. 2.—Joseph H Fernald, Prudential Committee. Summer term—Miss Emma S. Nealley, teacher. No. of scholars, 19 ; average attendance, 16 19-20 ; length of school in weeks, 10 ; commencing May 19th and ending July 25th ; wages of teacher per month, $28. Names of scholars on the Roll of Honor, Sarah F Kelley, Mary F Bickford, Etta B Foss, Carrie S Foss, Ida S Meserve.

Fall term—Miss Emma S Nealley, teacher. No. of scholars, 23 ; average attendance, 22 1-2 ; length of school in weeks; 10 ; commencing Aug. 25th and ending Oct. 31st ; wages of teacher per month, $28. Names of scholars on the Roll of Honor, Mary S Kelley, Alice A Towle, Sarah S Kelley, Fred E Dennett, Charles E Miles. Miss Nealley manifested a good degree of industry and fidelity and seemed to have gained the general approbation of the parents and good will of the scholars. There was life and activity in the school ; sluggishness and idleness were banished, and advancement plainly written on every countenance.

Winter term—Frank M Hoitt, teacher. No. of scholars, 20 ; average attendance, 16 3-100 ; length of school in weeks, 11 ; commencing Dec. 8th and closing Feb. 28th : wages of teacher per month, $34. Name of scholar on the Roll of Honor, Fred E. DeMeritte. Mr. Hoyt had no experience in teaching ; but being actuated by an earnest desire to excel, he seems to have gained the general approbation of the parents and the good will of the scholars. There was life and activity in the school, making it very successful.

District No. 3.—Albert Varney, Prudential Committee. Summer term—Mr. Samuel Jenness, teacher. No. of scholars, 12 ; average attendance, 11 32-43 ; length of school in weeks, 8 3-5 ; commencing May 19th and ending July 18th ; wages of teacher per month, $25. Names of scholars on the Roll of Honor, Algernon L Robinson, Annie A Varney, Carrie I Robinson, Elvin K Varney, Arthur L Fernald. Mr. Jenness manifested a good degree of love for school work, and seems to have gained the good will of the scholars. The school has been

quite prosperous. There has been a commendable advancement on the part of the scholars.

Winter term—Miss Emmie E. Mathes, teacher. No. of scholars, 13; average attendance, 12 6-7; length of school in weeks, 9 4-5, commencing Oct. 13th and closing Dec. 20th; wages per month, $26. Names of scholars on the Roll of Honor, Algernon Robinson, Elvin K Varney, Rosa Emerson, Addie Evans. Miss Mathes labored very energetically in behalf of her school. She seems to have gained the good will of all the scholars and parents. The school has been very prosperous and there has been a marked improvement.

District No. 4.—John B Huckins, Prudential Committee. Summer term—Miss Belle V Huckins, teacher. No. of scholars, 23; average attendance, 21 3-40; length of school in weeks, 8; commencing May 19th and closing July 11th; wages of teacher per month, $24 Names of scholars on the Roll of Honor, Ellery M Felker, Mary A Huckins. Miss Huckins had had no experience in teaching; but being actuated by an earnest desire to excel, together with diligence and perseverance, conjoined with a willingness to receive suggestions and act on the same, resulted in gaining the regards of her pupils and the sympathy and co-operation of the parents, making the school very successful.

Winter term—Mr. Henry G Hayes, teacher. No. of scholars, 23; average attendance, 20 55-61; length of school in weeks, 12 3-5; commencing Nov. 3 and ending Jan. 28th; wages of teacher per month, $30. Names of scholars on the Roll of Honor, Tobias Cole, Frank Sanders and Esther Young. Mr. Hayes, is a graduate of the State Normal School, with excellent qualifications in point of scholarship, which were supplemented with experimental knowledge in the practical duties of a teacher. It continued eleven weeks and was very prosperous and showed a marked improvement.

Instruction by ideas rather than words, sometimes has greater advantage than prompt recitations. To enlarge rather than confine strictly to text-book questions, is very important in calling the thoughts of the children to the practical application of knowledge to all things which surround them.

GENERAL REMARKS.

In reviewing the work of the school year, and the general character and merits of our schools, I feel justified in speaking in general terms of commendation; and, notwithstanding there are many individual faults which should not be wholly ignored, I am pleased to say that in my opinion, our schools in the aggregate during the past year will compare favorably with those of other years. As our educational system is the result of State laws, it is reasonable that the school in every district should accord with the same general laws and plans; and it would be well if they should be in harmony in the practical details, so that the same course of study could prevail in all.

To render this feasible it is necessary that there should be a uniformity of text-books. That this necessity has been grossly neglected, was painfully evident to me on my first visit to the several schools. There were in use a medley of text books selected I, should judge, from those used twenty or thirty years ago to those of the latest modern production. Under such circumstances, I am extremely surprised that our scholars could possibly make any advancement. In some of the schools, the teacher could not allow more than ten or twelve minutes to a class, the classes were so numerous.

Multiplicity of text books has been a severe drawback to a systematic organization and steady progress of the public schools, and is of great injury to the children, inasmuch as it deprives them of valuable time, which, if properly improved, might be of more benefit to them than can be estimated.

This noble system of free public education, the basis of our prosperity as a nation of free and intelligent people, should be zealously guarded and maintained unimpaired.

JOHN H. GRIFFIN,
Superintending School Com.

New Hampshire State Library
3 4677 00310910 0